



## DECLARATION OF CONDITION 1 WATER EMERGENCY June 29, 2005

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Under the authority granted to the City Manager in the Fredericksburg City Code, Sec. 18-63 (a) and in accordance with provisions of Ordinance 05-20, adopted June 28, 2005 by the Fredericksburg City Council, the undersigned hereby declares a **Condition 1 Water Emergency** in the City of Fredericksburg, effective immediately.

This action is being taken in response to a similar declaration by the County of Spotsylvania on June 23, 2005 and is intended to address recent large increases in demand for water in the County and City. This higher demand has resulted in a strain on the water production facilities of Spotsylvania County, the source of treated water for the City.

In accordance with the terms of a Condition 1 Water Emergency as outlined in the City Code, City water users are urged to "employ prudent restraint in water usage" and to "conserve water voluntarily by whatever means available". Residents and businesses may meet these goals by employing sound water conservation techniques, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Restrict lawn watering activities to an "every other day" basis, based on the last digit of the address of the property. Residents/businesses with an "odd" last address digit may water on odd dates of the month and those with an "even" last address digit may water on even dates. (Note: Please do not increase the volume of water used to compensate for the less frequent watering. Overwatering wastes water and does not benefit the grass or plants.)
- Consider washing vehicles less frequently.
- Check your water system for leaks and repair all leaks discovered.
- Take shorter showers.
- Wash only full loads of clothes.

This Condition 1 Water Emergency will remain in effect until modified by the undersigned or terminated by the Fredericksburg City Council. The cooperation of all City water users will be greatly appreciated and will serve to reduce the possibility that more stringent water use restrictions will be needed in the future. For further information, please contact Public Works Director Doug Fawcett at 372-1023 or visit [www.wateruseitwisely.com](http://www.wateruseitwisely.com).

  
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City Manager